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c. [redacted]

I took the opportunity to thank Senator Dodd for offering an amendment to the Presidential assassination bill, H.R. 6097, in the Judiciary Committee even though his amendment was not accepted. The Senator referred to Attorney General Katzenbach's presence at this session and the fact that he did not support the amendment. The Senator said it was not clear in his mind why Katzenbach took this position and, in fact, the Senator had the feeling that the Attorney General did not really understand the purpose of the Senator's amendment. Senator Dodd had considered offering a floor amendment to this bill but then decided against it. (The bill was passed by the Senate on Friday.)

I informed Senator Dodd of my meeting with Jay Byrnes, of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, on Senator Eastland's [redacted] bill and added that in view of Byrnes's expression to us (see Journal of 15 July 1965), we would probably submit a noncommittal report on the bill. I added that Mr. Helms might well discuss this with Senator Eastland. Senator Dodd seemed to agree that this might be the best course under the circumstances. However, we both have some skepticism regarding the reported feelings of Eastland on this legislation.

I chatted briefly with Senator Dodd about the Espionage Act legislation and later talked with his staff assistant John McAvoy on the subject. McAvoy has not been able to devote much attention to this since I saw him last but will attempt to do so before the end of this week.

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